

THE 2024 SACEE NATIONAL LANGUAGE CHALLENGE and PUZZLE PARADE.

Dear Principal

This is an invitation for your school to participate in the **ANNUAL SACEE LANGUAGE CHALLENGE AND PUZZLE PARADE TESTS.**

Please find below, the details for the 2024 LANGUAGE CHALLENGE & PUZZLE PARADE TESTS:

1. **DATE:** **FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER**
2. **TIME:** **Any time** during the school day on **6 September (1 Hour)**.
3. **DURATION:** The **LANGUAGE CHALLENGES** are 1-Hour English Language Test Papers for learners in Grades 4 – 11.
Each paper consists of **100 multiple choice questions**.
Learners in **Grades 1, 2 & 3** write shorter versions called **PUZZLE PARADES**.
4. **CONTENTS:** The **LANGUAGE CHALLENGES** and **PUZZLE PARADES** test various aspects of **LANGUAGE USAGE** such as: *Vocabulary, Spelling, Comprehension, Correct Language Usage, etc.*
5. **GRADES:** **ALL** learners in a Grade (both First and Second Language) **must** write the same tests.
6. **SCOPE:** The Tests must be written **BY ALL** the Learners in a Grade:
 - **GRADE 1** Learners write **PUZZLE PARADE NUMBER 1**
 - **GRADE 2** Learners write **PUZZLE PARADE NUMBER 2**
 - **GRADE 3** Learners write **PUZZLE PARADE NUMBER 3**
 - **GRADE 4 & 5** Learners write **LANGUAGE CHALLENGE NUMBER 1**
 - **GRADE 6 & 7** Learners write **LANGUAGE CHALLENGE NUMBER 2**
 - **GRADE 8 & 9** Learners write **LANGUAGE CHALLENGE NUMBER 3**
 - **GRADE 10 & 11** Learners write **LANGUAGE CHALLENGE NUMBER 4**

7. **AWARDS:** The **Top 3 Learners** (overall) in each Grade from **Grade 4 – Grade 11** will receive **Cash Prizes.**
8. **METHOD:** Each participating school will receive a **copy of the Test Paper** as well as a **Marking Memorandum** via e-mail, by **FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST 2024** (2 weeks before the date of the Language Challenge).
Schools make as many copies of Test Papers as they require for their learners. **After ALL the Learners in a Grade have written the Test, the Papers are marked by your staff.**
You then enter the results on our **Statistical Results Sheet** and EMAIL them to the SACEE Office for processing. Your school's results must reach us as soon as possible after you have written the tests, **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024.** Late results will not be able to be captured.
9. **REPORT:** We will capture the results of all participating schools and provide you with a report against which you can assess your school's performance against National norms and standards.
This report will reach you by mid-October.
10. **COST:** The **cost** of the Language Challenge / Puzzle Parade Tests is **R150.00** per grade.
11. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** All individual school results are dealt with in the **strictest confidence. The National Co-ordinator is the only person** who has access to all the **individual school results.**
12. **DEADLINE:** The **ENTRY FORMS** must reach us **no later** than **FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2024.**

The idea behind the **LANGUAGE CHALLENGE AND PUZZLE PARADE TESTS** has always been to provide educators and learners with an opportunity to participate in a National English Language Test which is **not** based on rote learning. We believe that by assessing pupils' results against National Norms, **schools will be able to benchmark** their academic performance, and over a period of years measure their progress against objective criteria.

We trust that the **LANGUAGE CHALLENGE AND PUZZLE PARADE TESTS** will provide an annual assessment tool for schools to benchmark their progress in English against National norms and standards.

If you would like your school to participate in the 2024 **LANGUAGE CHALLENGE AND PUZZLE PARADE TESTS**, please complete the attached **ENTRY FORM** and EMAIL it to us by no later than **FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST 2024.**

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Thank you, in anticipation, for your support of this SACEE project.

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